



Algonquins of Ontario

2022/2023 COMMUNITY HARVEST UPDATE

May 27, 2022

MOOSE HARVEST

The Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) as represented by the Algonquin Negotiation Representatives (ANRs) continue to work closely with the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNRF) to implement this year's Harvest Management Plan (HMP). The 2022-2023 Moose Harvest will involve a draw system for both within and outside Algonquin Park and the harvesting requirements will remain the same.

Newly implemented for the 2022-2023 AOO Harvest Season is an expansion of the WMU 51 harvesting area in Algonquin Park and instituting a harvest within the 'Panhandle' of Algonquin Park in WMU 54. For clarity, the harvest area within Algonquin Park now includes the entirety of WMU 51 (excluding the Highway 60 Corridor Development Zone) and the entirety of WMU 54 that is in the 'Panhandle' of Algonquin Park and within the AOO Settlement Area. These changes are being implemented on a go-forward basis.

To help monitor the harvest in WMU 51 and WMU 54, new harvest monitors stations will be implemented at the Louisa Lake Road – Rock Lake Road Gate, the Hay Creek Road – Hydro-line South Road, and the Kingscote Lake Road Gate.

Algonquin harvesters harvesting in Algonquin Park are required to enter and exit WMU 51 and WMU 54 at the following fourteen (14) access points where AOO Harvest Monitors will be stationed:

- Kiosk Road Gate
- Daventry Road Gate,
- Klock's Road
- Brent Road
- Bissett Creek Road
- Bronson Road – Kelly Lake Road Gate
- Bronson Road South Gate
- Barron Canyon Road – Sand Lake Gate
- Beechnut Road Gate, Basin Road – Basin Depot Gate
- Billy Lake Road entrance
- Cameron Lake Road Gate,
- Louisa Lake Road – Rock Lake Road Gate (New Monitor Location)

- Hay Creek Road – Hydro-line South Road Gate (New Monitor Location)
- Kingscote Lake Road Gate. (New Monitor Location)

In addition to the expansion of the AOO harvest area within Algonquin Park, the rifle season for both moose and deer within Algonquin Park will commence on the Saturday of the Thanksgiving long weekend as opposed to the Tuesday following the Thanksgiving long weekend.

Rifle Harvest Seasons inside Algonquin Park - WMU 51 and Algonquin Park - WMU 54:

Cow Moose: October 8, 2022 – December 21, 2022
 Bull Moose: October 8, 2022 – January 15, 2023
 Calf Moose: October 8, 2022 – January 15, 2023
 Deer: October 8, 2022 – January 15, 2023

Rifle Harvest Seasons outside Algonquin Park - WMU 51 and Algonquin Park - WMU 54:

Harvesting seasons for all WMUs in the AOO Settlement Area not including WMU 51 or WMU 54 - Algonquin Park are as follows:

Cow Moose: October 8, 2022 – December 21, 2022
 Bull Moose: October 8, 2022 – January 15, 2023
 Calf Moose: October 8, 2022 – January 15, 2023
 Deer*: September 1, 2022– January 15, 2023
 (except for special permit)
 Elk (Bull and Cow): September 1, 2022– December 21, 2022

***WMU 41 exception:**

Deer: September 1, 2022 to December 15, 2022

Bow Harvest Seasons outside Algonquin Park - WMU 51 and Algonquin Park - WMU 54:

Harvesters participating in the moose bow harvest are not eligible to apply for a tag in the moose rifle harvest but may participate in the moose rifle harvest with those holding the appropriate tag.

Cow Moose:	September 15, 2022 – December 21, 2022
Bull Moose:	September 15, 2022 – January 15, 2023
Calf Moose:	September 15, 2022 – January 15, 2023

ELK HARVEST

Based on data from recent elk surveys and analysis of harvest data the elk population is stable however, it is estimated to be below the population level objective. The lower numbers of calves and mature bull elk in proportion to adult cows and sub-mature is not optimal. The AOO allocation of elk tags recognize the need to optimize proportions of bulls, cows and calves in the elk population.

Harvest Season within Designated Elk Harvest WMUs

Cow and Bull:	September 1, 2022– December 21, 2022
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Avoid Harvesting:

1. Mature Bull Elk

The AOO are encouraging harvesters to avoid harvesting mature bull elk. As noted above, the ratio of mature bull elk to cow elk is a cause for concern. In order to protect the population and move towards maximum productivity, the mature bull elk require some assistance. It is recommended that Algonquin harvesters avoid harvesting bull elk with an antler class greater than 3x3. A 3x3 bull elk is described as having 3 points (tines) on both antlers (see Figure 1). A bull elk with at least one side with 4 or more points should also be avoided.

Harvesters are to report the bull elk antler class if a bull elk is harvested. The antler class is determined by the number of points per side (e.g., 2x2, 3x3, 4x5).



Figure 1 An example of bull elk antlers with an antler class of 3x3.

2. Collared Elk

Algonquin Harvesters should avoid harvesting elk that have been collared. Very few collared elk remain in the population. These collared animals are an important component of ongoing elk research and monitoring programs.

If you harvest an animal wearing an ear-tag or collar, this animal was chemically immobilized in previous years using veterinary drugs. Health Canada has established recommended guidelines for consumption of meat previously exposed to these drugs. Please contact the AOO Consultation Office at algonquins@tanakiwin.com or your local ANR to report your harvest within 24 hours. The AOO will follow up with NDMNRF to obtain information on the edibility of the meat. No replacement tags will be issued in these circumstances.

DEER HARVEST

There is no white-tailed deer harvest tag draw. However, there is a harvest season and as deer are harvested throughout the WMUs in the Settlement Area harvesters are required to report all deer harvested. Doing so will allow the AOO to better understand the harvest effort in the Settlement Area which will further support the sustainability of deer populations through the determination of Total Allowable Harvest quotas as per Section 8.3 of the Agreement-in-Principle.

Harvest Seasons within WMU 51 and WMU 54 - Algonquin Park

Deer: October 8, 2022 – January 15, 2023

Rifle Harvest Seasons outside of Algonquin Park

Deer*: September 1, 2022– January 15, 2023
(except for special permit)

*WMU 41 exceptions: September 1, 2022 to December 15, 2022

Note: The boundary for WMU 41 starts at the westernmost point of Trout Lake using Trout Lake North which becomes Hwy 63. The Boundary is then Hwy 63 (harvest southeast) through to the Quebec border bridge over the Ottawa River.

REPORTING

All harvests of moose, elk, and deer within the AOO Settlement Area are to be reported to an AOO harvest monitor, ANR, or other AOO community designate within 24 hours.

The ANR or AOO community designate shall then forward the harvest report to AOO Consultation Staff as soon as possible.

Reporting harvests to ANRs or community staff persons, and AOO Consultation Office staff can be done through one of the following ways:

- Phoning/emailing their community office,
- Phoning/emailing their ANR or community designate directly,
- Phoning/emailing the AOO Harvest season lead staff at the Consultation Office
- Mailing a completed questionnaire to their community office, or
- Submitting a virtual form via cellphone or computer:
 - Elk Harvest Questionnaire (<https://forms.office.com/r/9uWWZVJZ7q>)
 - Moose Harvest Questionnaire (<https://forms.office.com/r/cn73L2fPe3>)
 - White-tailed Deer Harvest Questionnaire (<https://forms.office.com/r/F587pQFQag>)
 - Other Wildlife Harvest Questionnaire (<https://forms.office.com/r/2hmdNNGNv5>)

Algonquin Harvesters who are not successful in harvesting an animal during the 2022-2023 harvest season are encouraged to report harvesting effort and observations through one of the virtual questionnaires above. All information gathered will help inform future harvest planning.

All successful harvesting reports will be shared between the Consultation Office designate and the NDMNRF representative on a weekly basis until the last closing date of the harvest season.

The NDMNRF representative shall, on an ongoing basis, report to the Consultation Office representative the any moose, elk, or deer harvested by Algonquin or other harvesters not harvesting under this agreement.

NDMNRF CONFISCATED MOOSE OR ELK

Any moose, elk, or deer that are confiscated by the NDMNRF from the AOO Harvest Season or from the provincial Resident Hunt within the Settlement Area that is not required for ongoing enforcement investigations, will be provided to the appropriate AOO community representative.

Confiscated moose or elk from the provincial Resident Hunt relinquished by the NDMNRF to the AOO do not require an AOO tag to receive the confiscated animal.

Any confiscated moose or elk that were harvested during the AOO Harvest Season by an Algonquin harvesting under this HMP will be tagged and be recorded as a harvested animal under this HMP for reporting purposes.

MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT

The Algonquins and the NDMNRF will cooperate in monitoring and enforcement under the terms of this HMP. The NDMNRF will assist the Algonquins in enforcing this agreement throughout the AOO Settlement Area where applicable.

Should the AOO Consultation Office receive inquiries from the NDMNRF requesting a harvester's personal information to verify the identity of an AOO member (e.g., name, address and telephone number) the AOO Consultation Office will not provide the information. The AOO Consultation Office will immediately notify the respective ANR of the inquiry for their action and follow-up with the NDMNRF.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR MOOSE AND ELK HARVEST

Moose Draw Applications

1. Selecting a WMU for the moose harvest:
 - a) WMU Option 1 is the applicant's first choice for an area to harvest moose.
 - b) WMU Option 2 is the applicant's second choice for an area to harvest moose. During the draw, if an applicant's name is drawn and there are no remaining tags allocated for their Option 1 WMU, their Option 2 WMU will be used.
2. For Moose Bull and Cow Rifle Tags, a minimum of six names are required on the tag application.
3. For the moose bow harvest outside of WMU 51 - Algonquin Park, two names are required on each Bow Tag application. Note, harvesters participating in the moose bow harvest are not eligible to apply for a tag in the moose rifle harvest but may participate in the moose rifle harvest with those holding the appropriate tag.
4. Only one Adult Moose Tag per household.
5. If you received an Adult Moose Tag last year, you are not eligible for this year's draws. Please check that no one on your application was successful with last year's draw for an Adult Moose if you do not want to be excluded from this year's draws.
6. Tags will be drawn by alternating Bull, then Cow for both within and outside WMU 51 - Algonquin Park.
7. Anyone not receiving an Adult Moose Tag will be eligible for Moose Calf Tag. Calf Tags will only be provided upon request from your ANR and they will be limited in number.
8. One name is required on each Calf Tag application.

9. Calf Tags are used for both the rifle and bow harvests of calf moose. There must be one name to a Calf Tag.
10. Only those who apply and return the applicable application by the due date will be allowed to participate in this year's community tag draws.

Elk Draw Applications

1. For Elk Bull and Cow Rifle Tags, six names are required per tag application.
2. There is no elk calf harvest.
3. Individuals in all communities are eligible to apply for both Elk Tags and Moose Tags. Individuals will also be able to hold both an Elk Tag and a Moose Tag. However, individual communities may choose to opt out of this approach and allocate tags differently.
4. There are no WMU selections when applying for an Elk Tag.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER
THAN 5:00 P.M. July 22, 2022**

The Moose Harvest and Elk Harvest Draw will take place on:

Saturday August 13, 2022 at 1:00 P.M.

**Alice & Fraser Recreation Centre
1 Henan Rd, Pembroke, ON K8A 6W8**

Applications should be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to:

2 International Drive, 2nd Floor, Pembroke, ON K8A 6W5

Email - paulthewall@nrtco.net

Fax - **613-732-9146**

Application forms can be found on the following pages

